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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

APPLICANT: AOYAGI ET AL

ORDER/DOCKET NO. 4047

FOR: METHODS FOR DETECTION OR MEASUREMENT OF VIRUSUS

MARCH 29, 1999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-12, 16, and 18-29 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for treating virus-containing sample, [characterized by] comprising treatment of a virus-containing sample with a treatment solution containing (1) an anionic surfactant and (2) selected from the group consisting of an amphoteric surfactant, a nonionic surfactant [or] and a protein denaturant.

2. (Amended) A method for treating virus-containing sample, [characterized by] comprising treatment of a virus-containing sample with a treatment solution containing (1) an anionic surfactant, (2) an amphoteric surfactant and (3) selected from the group consisting of a nonionic surfactant [or] and protein denaturant.

